A REVIEW OF THE Affairs of *FRANCE*:

With Obſervations on TRANSACTIONS at Home.

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THE laſt Paper having Preſented a ſhort View, of the Grievance of Pulpit Raillery; I ceaſe to enlarge upon that Head, tho' the Subject has an Infinite Variety, in hopes the Gentlemen will at laſt be Wiſe; take the hint, not only given them by me, but indeed by the general Proſpect of Affairs; which if they have any Eyes in their Heads, and their Underſtandings are not ſuffocated, by the Vapours of their Party Spleen, they may ſee every Day more and more brings their Pulpit Drollery out of Faſhion.

I refer the farther Enlargment on this Head, to the Time when this more Solemn Addreſs being concluded, I ſhall Direct my Speech more particularly to the Gentlemen of the Convocation, upon this, and ſeveral other Matters of Weight and Conſequence worth their Regard.

I now with the ſame bumble Freedom, go on to the ſecond Head, of this Miſchievous Parties Methods, to Embroil this Unhappy Nation, THE TONGUE; and tho' the Tongue, generally conſider'd, be the Agent in the Pulpit, as well as in Converſation, yet as it is here particularly underſtood, to reſpect Common Diſcourſe, I hope the Diſtinction may be allow'd me.

By *the Tongue* therefore, I deſire to be underſtood here, *the Looſe* theſe Gentlemen give themſelves, in their Common Diſcourſes of all ſorts, to Rail at, Abuſe and Reproach the Government, the *Diſſenters*, the more Moderate Churchmen, and Univerſally all thoſe, that will not run with them into the ſame Exceſs of Riot.

It would be Indecent in this Paper, while I am Addreſſing it to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, to fill it up with the Opprobrious Speeches, which in all Places are to be heard, from the Gentlemen of the High Church, and particularly from the Inferiour Clergy in moſt parts of *England*; a-

gainſt the Queen, againſt the Miniſtry, againſt the more Moderate Clergy, and againſt the *Diſſenters*; and I think I may not be Extravagant, if I ſay, that ſuch is the Unbounded Liberty theſe Gentlemen give themſelves, that if *Words could be made Treaſon*, one third at leaſt of the Inferiour Clergy in *England* would be Hang'd; I neither wiſh them that Penalty, nor deſire to ſee it, but I heartily wiſh them more Modeſty, and that they would conſider, that the daily Reproaches they caſt upon the Queen, in their Common Diſcourſe, is certainly an Invaſion, not of their Manners only, but of that very Allegiance, which they have Sworn to Her Majeſty, which cannot but ſignifie, that as their Hands are ty'd from Oppoſing her, their Tongues alſo are ty'd from Abuſing her.

I have not a few times obſerv'd theſe Gentlemen, to Reproach a Certain Writer of the Times, for ill treating Crown'd Heads; and without doubt ſome Deference in Stile is due, even to the Characters of our dignifi'd Enemies; but with what Face can theſe Gentlemen take Notice of ſuch things in another, and they at the ſame time, be ever Vilifiing, Lampooning, and Belying their Native Sovereign, and that with Terms full of Indecency and Diſreſpect?

I might ſay here, *and ſuch a Sovereign too*, ſuch a Princeſs, as in ſpight of all their Ill Treatment, Protects and Defends them; and on whoſe Proſperity *they ſtand*; tho' Ignorantly and Blindly, they would pull down that Fabrick of Government, which in its Fall, muſt inevitably bury themſelves in the Ruines.

Such a Princeſs, as taking no Notice of the repeated Inſolencies of their Party, Governs them with all the Tenderneſs and Gentleneſs they can deſire, and Ten Thouſand times more, than they ought to expect.

Such a Princeſs, as in whoſe Conduct, they can find no Rational Cauſe of Complaint, but that ſhe will not be that Tyrant they deſire; will not pull down the Fence of the Laws, and put the Rod into their hands to Oppreſs their Neighbours.

A Princeſs, that has forgiven them Ten Thouſand Talents, in the Injuries and Impudent Slanders rais'd upon her Perſon and Government, in Expectation their Forbearance to their Brethren, ſhould have born ſome Proportion to the Royal Beneficence, tho' all thoſe Hopes have been Unhappily diſappointed.

A Princeſs, that Rules them by that ſame Moderation they contemn, and which if ſhe pleaſed to lay by, and reaſſume that Power, which Juſtice and their Crimes would make exceeding Rational, the Nation would be too hot for them, and they would not dare to ſhow their Faces to their own Words.

Wonder not, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, that an Humble Author, preſumes to Complain to you of theſe things; the Nation waits to ſee your wonted Zeal Exerted, in Vindicating your Sovereign, from the Inſolences of the Ungovern'd Tongues, of an Exaſperated Party.

You cannot be Ignorant, Gentlemen, of the Truth of the Fact; every Street, every Town, every part in the Nation, is full of this Baſe and Unmannerly Treatment; the Queen, the Government, the Peers, ay, and every Honeſt Gentleman in your Houſe, is daily touch'd in this Evil; our Streets abound with horrible Language, and our Common People are Taught, to Vilifie their Governours.

Our Plowmen talk of Miſmanagement at Court, our Mob Sing Ballads and Lampoons againſt the Government; *Taxes*, the *War*, the *Miniſters*, are all Call'd Grievances; and this *Beating the French*, moves ſome Gentlemen ſo, that they cannot bear it.

Theſe are Iniquities to be Puniſh'd by the Judge, and you are the only Judges what Puniſhment it deſerves; I have neither Deſign, nor Deſire to mention or preſcribe Puniſhments; but I become an Humble Petitioner, that the Practice may be Cenſur'd, Diſcourag'd and Suppreſs'd, as a thing without which, the Peace of this Nation can never be Maintain'd, a general Charity among Chriſtians be preſerv'd, or the Duty of Subjects to the Queen, be ever perform'd.

Under all this Clamour, may it pleaſe your Honourable Houſe to Reflect, here appears nothing of Fact; all the Peoples Grievances,

Grievances, the Publick Miſmanagements and Diſorders in the Government are properly Cognizable in your Houſe. We ſee no Impeachments yet brought againſt the Miniſters of State or Managers of the War, or Revenues; all the Refuge of this Party, conſiſts in Noiſe and meer Clamour for the ſake of it; aiming at poiſoning the ignorant People with Chymeras of Dangers and Diſaſters, when Peace and Plenty flouriſhes among them under the beſt Government in the World.

Filling the Minds of ignorant Men with Impreſſions of Diſloyalty and Diſaffection, and iuduſtriouſly fomenting Jealouſies among the People one of another, grudging at the Payment of legally raiſed Taxes, as if raiſed for an unneceſſary War; which carried on for ſeparate and Foreign Intereſts, exhauſts the *Engliſh* Treaſure to do us no Good; as if nothing could convince us of the neceſſity of this War, but ſeeing the Enemies of the Proteſtant Religion, ravaging our plentiful Fields, plundering our populous Towns, violating the Sacred Temples of our Religion, and rifling the Chaſtity of our Families.

Reaſons and Arguments have in vain been uſed with theſe People, and as the Caſe ſtands with them, Reaſon and Argument are at End. To argue with them, is to talk Goſpel to a Kettle Drum, all Methods of Diſcourſe are run down with the clamour of their Tongues. The intollerable Cry of the Danger of the Church ſeems to have been calculated to drown the proper Jealouſies we ought to have of the ſecret Deſigns this Party have againſt the Church, Kingdom, and whole State of Religion in *Europe*.

It would amaze a modeſt Ear, to hear the Diſcourſes of theſe Gentlemen, how they applaud every Action of the Enemy; how they leſſen all our Succeſſes and Advantages, as Trifles, and things that only ſerve to lengthen out the War, and keep us the *longer a Dying*: How they heighten the leaſt Advantages of the Enemy, and inſinuate, That we had better give it over, we ſhall never obtain our Ends.

Does not her Majeſty in her Gracious Speech to the Parliament tell your Honours, what all conſidering Men know to be juſt, *viz.*

That if the French *King continue Maſter of the* Spaniſh *Monarchy, the Ballance of Power in* Europe *is utterly deſtroy'd, and he will be able in a ſhort time to engroſs the Trade and the Wealth of the World.*

Theſe Gentlemen tell you No, 'tis no ſuch thing; for if the *Spaniard* conſents to an open Trade, we may do as well with the Houſe of *Bourbon* on the *Spaniſh* Throne, as the Houſe of *Auſtria*; that it is all one to *England*, and Croſs or Pile may be caſt, 'tis not a Farthing matter to us.

This is like ſaying, What ſignifies Confederacies and Leagues abroad to us, who have our Wooden Walls to defend us? as if we were to live without Foreign Trade, and could ſupport our Manufactures, by a Circulation among our ſelves; and as if the Houſe of *Bourbon* poſſeſſing, would not ſoon make our Manufacture as precarious in *Spain*, as it's now in *France*; and as if we ſhould have any part of the Trade, longer than they pleaſed, or till after they had done with it; but of this by it ſelf, when this Paper ſhall reaſſume the Subject of Trade.

May it pleaſe the Houſe of Commons but to examine this ſpreading Contagion, and preſcribe ſuch proper Remedies for it, as in their Great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet, we might once again be a quiet Nation, and Union might appear in our Society; but nothing elſe can do it; till this Supream Authority take Cogniſance of it, 'tis in vain for us to expect any Ceſſation of this Mouths-War; this Feud ſpreads into the very Countenances of our People, and upon any extraordinary News it is not hard to gueſs at Mens Party by their Outſides.

I appeal to the Judgment of all impartial Obſervers, if there are not ſome Gentlemen among us who are to be known by the Elevation of their Countenances; when any publick Diſaſter befalls the Nation, Smiles ſit on their Brows, and a ſort of Pleaſure is to be ſeen in their Aſpect, when *even their own* Iſrael *flee before the* Philiſtines; do the *French* fall in with our *Ruſſia* Fleet, and Maſter our Men of War, a ſecret Joy diſcovers it ſelf in their Countenances, and a ſmall Skill will juſtify the Obſervation from the Charge of Breach of Charity.

Was the *Catalonian* Expeditjon like to miſ-

miſcarry, or at leaſt did theſe Gentlemen but think ſo; how pleas'd did they appear at the Diſaſter of their Native Country! how pleaſant were they on the Subject! how did they make themſelves merry with the Knight-Errantry of the Prince of *Heſſe*, and began to be witty upon the Perſon of K. *Charles* III. and his Aſſiſtant the E. of *P*——— Above all, how did theſe Gentlemen upbraid the Government, for not ſending a certain Gentleman that was once there before, and make Odious Compariſons between the preſent and laſt Naval Expeditions!

To repreſent theſe to the Houſe of Common, would ſavour of more Arrogance than the Author of this ſhall ever be guilty of; were not the miſchievous Conſequence of it moſt fatally growing upon the Nation, and the Influence and Authority of the Gentlemen too great upon the Common People: Our Gentlemen who think they ſerve a Cauſe in this, are not perhaps aware whoſe Work they are doing, when they ſlacken the Hearts and Hands of the Queen's Subjects, as far as in them lies, in the joint ſupporting the heavy Preſſures of a long and a Chargeable War.

How theſe Gentlemen perform the Duty of faithful Subjects to her Majeſty, and Lovers of their Native Country, is a Queſtion Wiſe Men would be glad to ſee anſwer'd, and the Conſequence is left to explain——But this may be ſaid of them without Breach of Charity, if ſlighting and ſpeaking diſreſpectfully of the Queen; if diſcouraging and diſheartening her Subjects; if filling all Parties with Jealouſies of one another; if mocking and ridiculing the Conſtitution; if ſtarting Deſtructive Notions in Religious Intereſts; if ſuggeſting Unintended Rebellion and Diſorders in the *Diſſenters*; if reviling the Miniſters of State as Traitors to the Church; if upbraiding the Biſhops with betraying it; if ſending all the Moderate Men to the Devil for Phanaticks, and Chriſtening all the ſober Church Party, *Presbyterians*; if Raving in the Pulpit, and Raging out of it, be Loyalty; Moſt of the Inferiour Clergy are the Loyalleſt Men in the Nation——

May God Allmighty put it into the Hearts of the Nation's Repreſentatives, to apply ſuitable Remedies to this National Evil, that, if poſſible, that *unruly Member*, the *Tongue*, either in *Pulpit* or *Table*-Exceſſes, may be ſo limitted as, at leaſt, to be taken off from its peculiar Exceſſes in Matters of Government; that the People of *England*, by Inclination quiet, peaceable and loyal, may not ſuffer the Agitations of ſecret Engins, employ'd by the Publick Enemies of the Nation, to ſcrew them up to Diſcontents Factions and Uneaſineſs; the Profit of which may be to the Contrivers, but the Ruine and Deſtruction muſt inevitably fall on the Nation.

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